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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, CIA

FROM : Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Coordination of Television Techniques and Facilities

REFERENCES : (a) DDA Memorandum 82-0020/4, dated 11 Feb 1982, same subject
(b) EXDIR Memo 82-4170, dated 20 Jan 1982, same subject

1. We have certain reservations on the DDA proposal for Printing and Photography Division (P&PD) to assume responsibility for approval, procurement, and disposal of all television equipment. (Ref a, para: 2.) At a minimum, we would like to discuss it further with you and Harry Fitzwater before it is implemented.

2. As you know, we have supported the effort to ensure compatibility and commonality of television equipment purchased for use in the various Agency components engaged in video production. It was to this end that we were prepared at one time to participate in an interdirectorates advisory panel established for this purpose. We also appreciate your desire to avoid creating yet another panel that would require staff support, and to rely instead on rigorous coordination among the directorates. (Ref b.) We believe, however, that the DDA's proposal goes somewhat beyond your direction regarding coordination. Moreover, we do not believe the analogies cited in the DDA memo--e.g., the Office of Communications as the primary center of expertise in communications equipment--hold in the case of P&PD and television equipment. The production activities of the DDI Television Center and P&PD's use of video equipment are entirely different, and require expertise in quite different areas.

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